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**Amendment A**

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2004 September 9, please amend the above application as follows:

**Specification:**

page 8, line 12 after "as the encrypting transform." insert –It is understood from these examples that the form of the encrypting transform is fundamentally algebraic.—

page 16, line 10 after "of the image scene." insert –Such digital images are also known in the art as raw digital images.—

page 19, line 6 after "form a large precision integer." insert –It will be recognized that the floating point numbers can be concatenated to form sequences of any length.—